

## House Resolution No. 555

**Whereas**, the Center for Civic Education held We the People competitive events on January 27, 2003, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri, which were sponsored by The Missouri Bar and The Missouri Bar Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education and during which Joplin High School teams demonstrated their outstanding understanding of the democratic principles that underlie this nation's governmental structures; and

**Whereas**, Joplin High School fielded a team of seniors who captured Second Place, including Rebecca Adair, Brandy Anderson, Megan Harris, and David Storey who were Best in the Unit 6 event which required defining, tracing the history, and applying to modern life the qualities of meritorious citizenship and civic virtue; and

**Whereas**, unlike many of the earlier contestants, the Joplin High School seniors team coached by Cindy Dagnan argued against the idea that the natural rights view of promoting self-interest was the dominant view of society today, and instead emphasized that the natural human drive toward self-interest is tempered with civic virtue for the common good; and

**Whereas**, Joplin High School Unit 6 seniors supported their rhetorical contention with concrete examples from their own lives and the lives of their parents and neighbors to demonstrate that civic virtue is indeed thriving in their hometown and on their school campus; and

**Whereas**, senior teams also included the contributions of Rana Abu-Libdeh, Megan Boyd, Tyler Childs, Justin Emmert, Lisa Etter, Cary Fuller, Jackie Griffen, Jenni Hauser, Garland Johnson, Maria Lanear, Amber Lovekamp, Leasue Meyers, Malissa Miller, Peggy Myers, Sam Page, Stan Park, John Rosenberg, Ryan Salisbury, Elisha Samuel, Nathan Skelley, Jessica Smith, Andrew Smolik, Zach Tusinger, Cynthia Velarde, and Brad Willis:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the preparation, time, and energy evinced by the students of Joplin High School who competed in the We the People project sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the United States Department of Education under the authority of an Act of Congress, and to convey to each member of the senior teams this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for their stellar successes; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Joplin High School We the People competition participants.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson  
District No. 128

Representative Ron Richard  
District No. 129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 555, adopted March 3, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker